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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
John R. Rhodes

Serial No.: 10/055,726

Filed: January 23, 2002

For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PREVENTING NITROGEN
INTERFERENCE IN PYRO-
ELECTROCHEMICAL METHODS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) dated February 11, 2002 (the "Notice"), there are enclosed herewith:

- (a) A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52;
- (c) The Assistant Commissioner is requested to consider this a request for a three-month extension of time in which to reply, bringing the response date to July 11, 2002. The appropriate fee of \$460.00 is enclosed herewith.; and

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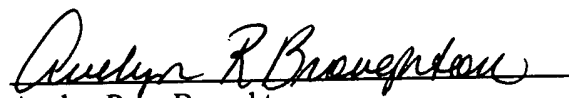
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(c) A copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted.

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